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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1794

For: THICKENING COMPOSITION HAVING  
IMPROVED VISCOSITY-EMERGING  
PROPERTY

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Examiner: A. E. Krause

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated January 23, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: An Amended Set of Claims; and  
Remarks.